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1. SUMMARY: KHMER NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS DRASTICALLY CUT ACCESSIONS OVER THE PERIOD APRIL 8-16 BUT THE DRAFT DODGER/DESERTER ROUNDUP GAVE A GOOD PRE-HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE. THE NEW EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WILL TAKE UP MANPOWER PROBLEMS APRIL 18 AFTER WHICH WE EXPECT FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT THAT FANK C-IN-C SOSTHENE FERNANDEZ HAS ASSUMED MANAGEMENT OF THE NATIONAL CONSCRIPTION EFFORT. EN SUMMARY.

2. THE KHMER NEW YEAR HOLIDAY APRIL 13-16 SKEWED CONSCRIPTION STATISTICS BUT PREVIOUS TRENDS (REFTEL) GENERALLY CONTINUE. DRAFT NOTICES AVERAGED ABOUT 325/DAY FOR THE FIRST PART OF THE PERIOD APRIL 8-16 AND ACCESSIONS FROM THE CAPITAL REACHED 309 MEN. THE PROVINCES SUPPLIED AN ADDITIONAL 304 MEN TO BRING TOTAL RECRUITMENT NATIONWIDE TO 26,720 MEN SINCE OCTOBER 1973. PHNOM PENH FURNISHED 17,537 OF THE RECRUITS.

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3. MIXED TEAMS FOR ROUNDING UP DESERTERS AND DRAFT-DODGERS
EQUALED THEIR PERFORMANCE DURING THE PREVIOUS FIVE-DAY PERIOD
BY NETTING 102 DESERTERS AND 182 DRAFT-DODGERS
BETWEEN APRIL 6 - 11 BEFORE THE FOUR DAY HOLIDAY STARTED.

4. LAST WEEK FANK C-IN-C LTG SOSTHENE FERNANDEZ AGREED TO TAKE
OVER MANAGEMENT OF THE NATIONAL CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN. THE
TRANSFER OF MANAGEMENT FROM THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE TO EMG
IS NOT YET PUBLIC, AND WE EXPECT AN ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER THE
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DISCUSSES THE ENTIRE MANPOWER ISSUE IN
ITS APRIL 18 MEETING. CITY SECRETARY GENERAL CHEY HUN, ONE
OF THE MOST ACTIVE SUPPORTERS OF THE CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN, HAS
EXPRESSED APPROVAL OF THE MOVE NOTING THAT THE ARMY HAS THE
MATERIEL AND THE DISCIPLINE TO GET THE CAMPAIGN MOVING.
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